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**PATENT APPLICATION**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of: )  
Kikuo NAITO )  
Appln. No.: 09/409,347 )  
Filed: September 30, 1999 )  
For: INFORMATION PROCESSING )  
APPARATUS ENABLING )  
ELECTRONIC WATERMARKING, )  
AND COMMUNICATION NETWORK )  
CONNECTABLE TO SUCH )  
INFORMATION PROCESSING )  
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**AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL REJECTION**

Sir:

In response to the final Office Action dated April 20, 2004, please amend the application as indicated below.